



Streetscape Enhancements

Phoenixville, PA

Beginning in 2005 and extending to the present day, KMS Design Group has worked closely Phoenixville Borough in Chester County, Pennsylvania to dramatically reconstruct Phoenixville's Historic Business District.

The project involves the entire design and phased construction of an intense streetscape project through the Borough's newly renamed "Ironworks District". Only a decade ago, pedestrians and drivers admittedly detoured around this part of Phoenixville, and now it has become "the place to be" for work and play. Redeveloped as an arts and entertainment district, new restaurants, shops, offices and condominiums continue to populate the neighborhood.



KMS analyzed the existing culture and history of this former iron and steel town to develop a streetscape that created a unique sense of place that honors the past and embraces technology and cultures of the future. Developed with the pedestrian experience in mind, fine details within the overall streetscape create a memorable experience for visitors.



Project construction highlights include:

- Locally made cast iron streetlight poles
- Efficient, historic, low glare lighting designed to offer even, comfortable illumination.
- Locally made clay brick pavers chosen for their historic aesthetics, with specific attention to unique brick patterns and paving design.
- Extensive use of "weathered" cast iron features including trench grates, custom tree grates, custom manhole covers, and tactile pedestrian zones.
- Use of elongated trenching and structural soil for long term street tree health

